

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Thomas and Koenig for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, on October 6, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney traversed the Office's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103(a). Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's attorney also proposed amending independent claim 1 as shown above. Applicant's attorney also proposed amending independent claim 13 as shown above. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiners to at least tentatively agree that if Applicant were to make such amendments to independent claims 1 and 13, the amended claims would overcome the cited references of record. However, the Examiners also indicated that they would need to re-review the references and, potentially, conduct an updated search.

Applicant thanks the Examiners for this indication, as well as for their courtesy shown by interviewing this matter.

Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 13, and 21 as discussed during the interview.